

**New York Public Library Round Robin Report - January 2006**  
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Acquisitions and Collections

- Yolande Shelton was appointed Electronic Resources Librarian and has begun the task of implementing our Electronic Resources Management module (III).
- The collections budget for FY06 was increased by 8% including income generated from the sale of the painting *Kindred Spirits*. Funding raised by subsequent art sales will go into an endowment that will support the collection budget.
- The budget for electronic resources in FY06 was increased substantially using funding from the 8% increase. The increase will support a change in practice that encourages licensing of electronic resources across the Research Libraries instead of for individual libraries.

Cataloging and Archival Processing

- Technical Services began purchasing core level records from Casalini for books received on our Italian approval plan. This is in addition to the enhanced records we began purchasing last year. We also purchased the EEBO Marc record set and are currently loading the records into our opac.
- Our EAD Specialist has developed new stylesheets to assist in the creation of EAD Version 2002 finding aids and will convert EAD version 1 finding aids during the calendar year. A task force has been formed to plan our migration away from use of Dynaweb software for presentation of finding aids. In the interim, the Head of the Manuscripts Division in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library has developed a tool described below.
- This fall the Research Libraries introduced its Archival Materials Access Tool (AMAT), which is available through its Archives and Manuscripts web page (<http://www.nypl.org/books/findingaids.html>). AMAT allows researchers to perform a keyword search all of the online catalog records and finding aids for archival collections held throughout the Research Libraries. Search results provide links to available descriptions (i.e., CATNYP records and EAD, HTML, and PDF finding aids) and the websites of the holding divisions. It includes over 3000 collections held in eight different divisions within three of the NYPL's Research Libraries. Every collection is represented by at least a collection-level catalog record; nearly 1000 collections are also described by a finding aid. There are still many paper finding aids and catalog cards within some divisions that are not yet in AMAT, though we hope to add some representation of these collections over time.

Preservation

- Jacob Nadal was hired as the Field Services Librarian in September. In this role, he is assessing preservation needs in the 4 Research Centers and offering preservation training for staff, coordinating disaster response services, and providing consultation services. In addition a new Conservator has just been hired who is expected to begin in March.

- The Research Libraries joined the IFLA Preservation Action Committee North American Node that was recently re-established.

#### Digital Library and Technology

- As one of the recipients of an NEH National Digital Newspaper Project award, we are establishing a digital repository using Fedora. Our goal is to build a robust repository system for use with other digital collections as well as for the NDNF project.
- NYPL's investigation of the feasibility of a single integrated library system for both the Branch and Research Libraries is moving into the next phase—drafting an RFP to send to vendors.
- Preparations to implement federated searching using WebFeat are proceeding with an expected March launch. It will search Branch and Research Libraries electronic resources as well as locally created resources such as the catalogs and digital gallery.
- The Research Libraries contracted with III to develop electronic call slip software that can be used by the public to request materials from collections-- the majority of which are in closed stacks. The service will be launched in 2 phases in June and November 2006.

#### General

- Budget cuts are expected in FY07 including another reduction in the draw on the endowment that is the major source of funding for the Research Libraries. NYPL is planning a major fundraising campaign that will culminate with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flagship building on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- The Research Libraries are continuing a planning process first launched in spring 2005.
- The Google Project continues. The Research Libraries are committed to including additional volumes beyond our 11,000 pilot project.
- Technical Services is recruiting for positions including a new Head of Monograph Cataloging and multiple Conservators. Job announcements are the website:  
<http://www2.nypl.org/home/hr/jobs/>